

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 282**SENATE BILL NO. 653****By Henry, Burks, McNally****Substituted for: House Bill No. 1383****By Sherry Jones, Moore, Sontany, Mike Turner**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-206, relative to issuance of birth and death certificates by county clerks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-206, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (6) and renumbering the existing subdivisions accordingly:

(6) (A) The Department of Health shall implement a pilot program to authorize, but not require, county clerks to issue certified copies of computer abstract birth certificates to walk-in customers pursuant to this subsection (6). Such pilot program shall apply only in counties having a population in excess of three hundred thousand (300,000), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, and in counties having a population, according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, of:

<u>not less than:</u>	<u>nor more than:</u>
17,600	17,675
51,200	51,300
58,100	58,200
71,300	71,400

(B) County clerks may issue certified copies of birth certificates, which copies shall have the force and effect of certified copies issued by the office of vital records. Certified copies of birth certificates shall be issued in accordance with regulations or public necessity rules as needed adopted by the department in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Title 4, Chapter 5.

(C) The department shall provide state security paper for issuing copies of birth certificates pursuant to this section. The

county clerk shall be responsible for all other expenses including but not limited to connectivity, hardware and training of staff; provided however, that each county clerk is authorized to charge a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) in addition to the fee established by regulations and paid to the department to defray any reasonable costs associated with issuing the certificates, including training of staff.

(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow county clerks to issue death certificates or alter birth certificates.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall sunset on June 30, 2009.

SECTION 3. For the purposes of implementing the provisions of this act, it shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

PASSED: May 14, 2007


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 30th day of May 2007


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR